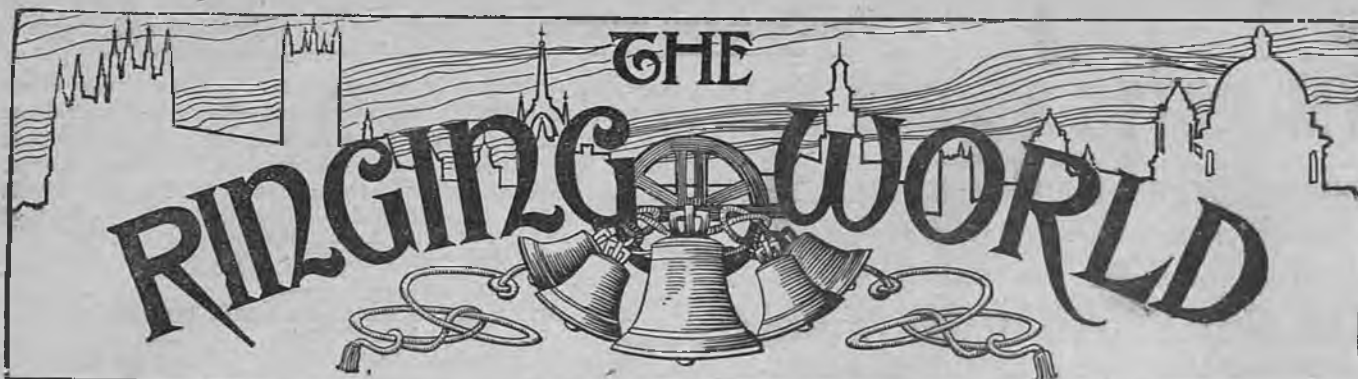




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THE PASSING OF OUR KING.

To-day the whole Empire is mourning the death of its Sovereign, and sorrow at the passing of our King is profound throughout the civilised world. We, who are members of the British Commonwealth of nations, have lost not only the head of the State, but, so deeply had His Majesty endeared himself to the hearts of his people, there are few who do not also feel that we have lost the head of what His Majesty himself so aptly described as 'this great family.' There is among us to-day a sense almost of personal bereavement and those who on Christmas Day heard, perhaps, with a thrill, the King's voice in their own homes calling them his 'very dear friends,' experienced the pangs of deep sorrow when through the same medium of wireless on Monday night they learned the fateful tidings of the passing of a very human monarch, a great king and a great man. In all humility we add our contribution to the expressions of grief that have swelled over the world and our respectful condolence with Her Majesty the Queen and the members of the Royal Family.

Already throughout the country the bells in our church towers, which but a few short months ago were joyfully pealing for the King's Silver Jubilee, have been sounding in muffled notes for the passing of His Majesty. The tolling of the great bell of St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday morning, according to age-old custom, marked the beginning of the solemn tribute of the bells in every town and village, where once more they are the interpreters of the feelings of the people. There is, we venture to say, no greater national expression of sorrow than the sound of muffled bells, spreading out over the land from the churches—the spiritual home of the people—which at such a time as this has, to many, a deeper significance than usual. Ringers need no prompting on an occasion like the present. Far and wide throughout this country they have already begun their mournful task, which will be discharged in no perfunctory spirit, but with a sense of responsibility and in the knowledge that, although modern science brought the news of the King's death into the homes of the people within a few minutes of his passing, there still remains to them the duty, handed down through the centuries, of marking the passing of their Sovereign and of expressing, through the bells, the nation's grief.

This is one of the occasions, sad though it is, when the public themselves look for the sound of the bells and nowhere, we feel sure, will they be disappointed. The period for muffled ringing will extend to the day of the funeral, and, for that occasion, special ringing will, we

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hope, be arranged in every tower. In practically every church, we imagine, there will be a memorial service at the hour of the Royal funeral, and the ringers' tribute to the King should reach its climax at that time, when, as a prelude to those mourning services, muffled bells throughout the land should synchronise in their ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER 1	RONALD H. DOVE 7
ALAN SHORT 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 10
ROGER W. DANIELS 5	FRANK E. PERVIN 11
ALBERT H. WARD 6	WILLIAM DAVIES 12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Master of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1	ROGER W. DANIELS 6
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
ALBERT H. WARD 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 10

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARRY 1	RICHARD V. FULLER 6
*MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN 2	*ALFRED J. BULL 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	*WALTER CLAYDON 8
*FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 10

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dora Claydon.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER 1	HORACE FOX 6
*DEREK W. SHARP 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HERBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
JOHN H. LENTON 4	FRED NEWTON 9
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 5	*ARTHUR E. WEST 10

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. WALTERS

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 3,360 changes of London (No. 3), and 560 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative (No. 2), with 84 changes of method.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	EDWARD G TALBOT 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
DANIEL COOPER 4	ROYDON DAVIES 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

This is the first time the four standard Surprise methods have been rung 'spliced' to a peal of Royal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
CHARLES W. DENYER 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
RAYMOND PHILPOT 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Nancy Arnold, only daughter of Mr. Alan Arnold, of The Cottage, Stoneham Park, churchwarden of this church.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRED HARRIS Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
†EDWARD SANDERS 2	JOHN WOOD 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	CYRIL E. LANXON 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4	*PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight 'inside.' Rung to mark the feast of the Epiphany. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth and the conductor's mother. Arranged to enable the conductor to call his first peal of Triples before his 18th birthday.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES SHEMMING Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	GEORGE W. MORE 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	KEITH W. WHITTELL Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to Charles Shemming.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. LANTON Treble	FRED NEWTON 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
HERBERT WALKER 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HORACE FOX 4	*HERBERT BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these bells, which have been recast by Gillett and Johnston, and were dedicated on December 23rd, 1935. The only peal on the old bells was a peal of Bob Major about 50 years ago. The tenor ringer belongs to the local company and the remainder to Pontefract.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
FRED HODGSON 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Arranged and rung as a tribute to the memory of the late William Horan, formerly of Cross Stone, Todmorden, who died January 16th, 1935.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	TONY PRICE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	FRANK CORRE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung on the 19th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove's wedding day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. C. Mayne.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	ALAN M. HICKMAN 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
†FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
REGINALD CHESTERS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial window at Broughton Hall to John Hall, jun.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (61). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a farewell peal to the curate (the Rev. Lawrence Wood), who has removed to Bishop's Stortford, also for the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft. The conductor's 150th peal and 100th peal as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	*HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
PERCY GREEN 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HERBERT DEVONISH 3	FRED CHALK 7
HENRY WARM 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to H. Bradley. P. Green's 101st peal, 100 of which have been rung for the Essex Association.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JACK FISHER Treble	*GEORGE A. BRIGGS 5
*FRED HARTLEY 2	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 6
JOE C. MELLOR 3	HENRY H. SMITH 7
FRANK RHODES 4	WILLIAM E. HOLROYD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. SUTCLIFFE.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire by all the band, and first peal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
EDGAR HUMPHRY 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
HARRY G. FOXELL 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters. The tenor ringer has now completed the circle at this tower.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CYRIL E. LAXTON Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
MISS EILEEN SYMONS 2	JOHN WOOD 6
WILLIAM WOOD 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	EDWARD SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

Rung to mark Mr. W. Wood's completion of six years as churchwarden at Gulval Church. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARNOLD BRUNTON Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
*WALTER PAUL 2	*RICHARD G. BELL 6
*ARTHUR W. DIX 3	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First Spliced peal on the bells and first in the county by a local band. The peal consists of 2,880 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative and 736 Bristol.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

A. PARKER Treble	JIM ERRINGTON 5
R. FORSHAW 2	GEO. MILLS 6
A. FORSHAW 3	S. FORSHAW 7
*JACK ERRINGTON 4	*J. BAXENDALE } Tenor
	*J. HOBROCKS }

Conducted by A. PARKER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. W. R. Seale, B.A., curate at the above church, who was married at Llandaff Cathedral on that day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JOHN COAD Treble	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	ALBERT NASH 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	*ARTHUR FIRTH 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells and rung at the first attempt. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

BERNARD W. PETTITT ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
RONALD SUCKLING 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

C. HARDING Treble	H. WOODHAM 5
E. LEWIS 2	J. H. BRAZER 6
*E. PLAYER 3	G. ROBINSON 7
†R. SWIFT 4	*C. JUKES Tenor

Conducted by G. ROBINSON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells 11 years ago.

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(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

*MRS. G. A. TRENDALL ... Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... 4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... 3	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss HILDA SNOWDEN.

* First peal. Mr. and Mrs. Trendall are believed to be the first husband and wife to ring a peal in the Northern Division of the association, and Miss Snowden is also believed to be the first lady in the Northern Division to ring the tenor to a peal.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (14 callings, with 11 changes of method). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ARTHUR BAYLEY ... Treble	†FRED PRICE ... 4
†HERBERT G. CLAY ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
THOMAS LEECH ... 3	*ROBERT DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ALGARKIRK ALLIANCE AND BASTOW LITTLE COURT, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt.
GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

Algarkirk Alliance, by the conductor, is now rung for the first time. First 'Alliance' peal for the Guild.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN ... Treble	†FREDERICK SCRIMSHAW ... 4
*HENRY BINGHAM ... 2	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 5
NOEL THORLEY ... 3	*CECIL HOOTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by resident members of this district in which ringers from Gainsborough have not taken part.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's from 'Ropesight.'	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	SIDNEY J. COOPER ... 4
TOM BARTRAM ... 2	*EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 5
†REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE.—On Sunday, December 29th, for evening service at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Richens 1, H. Sayer 2, R. T. Clark (conductor) 3, C. Taylor 4, W. G. Folley 5, H. Clark 6. Specially arranged for R. T. Clark, of Dover, son of H. Clark, ringer of the tenor.

NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 240's by A. J. Pitman, G. Lindoff and L. W. G. Morris and ordinary Six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WYNDHAM LEWIS ... Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
†ALBERT J. DAVIS ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
DAVID REES ... 3	ALBERT DEVONALD ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

TATTERSHALL, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Taxal Delight; (2) Marple Delight; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (5) Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (7) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 81 changes of method. First peal in 14 Treble Bob and Delight methods for all.

IGHTEAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... Treble	†HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... 4
†HUGH MACKINDER ... 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 5
†MAXWELL F. OAKSHOTT ... 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Minor including Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor 'inside' and in two methods. ‡ First peal on six bells. First peal of Minor as conductor and first attempt.

ASTLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*RAYMOND LYDSTER ... Treble	PERCY STONE ... 3
†CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 2	JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 4
ERNEST STONE ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY STONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, who was patron to the living of this church.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven spliced extents in 46 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (3) Dover, Chesham, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringhay Delight; (4) Ely, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (5) Crowland, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Cumbermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (6) Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Taxal, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (7) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, Humber, St. Albans and Wragby Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. There were 78 changes of method.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOAN A. BLACKMAN Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
†ARTHUR J. N. RANCE 2	†JOHN RANCE 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal in seven Minor methods by all and for the Guild.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. Treble	GEORGE COUSINS, SEN. 4
*STANLEY YAPP 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
ERNEST SALMON... .. 3	*CHARLES TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

BALHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	JACK STEED 4
HARRY D. LISTER 2	CHARLES SHERMING 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... .. 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.
Tenor size 18 in G.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis, on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Miss D. Lewis, to Mr. W. H. J. Hooton. It was attempted on the wedding day, January 4th, but lost after one hour's ringing.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At HARBLEDDOWN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	†F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 5-6
*C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	†REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method.
First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C. Collection No. 14.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Rung on the conductor's sixtieth birthday.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At HARBLEDDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUFFOLK GUILD.

PROTEST TO THE B.B.C.

On Saturday, January 11th, a meeting was held at Hadleigh, Suffolk, when owing to other attractions only 20 ringers, including two visitors from Essex, turned up. However, this number represented 14 different towers, and came from Sudbury, Long Melford, Grotton, Ufford, Little Waldingfield, Mendlesham, Sproughton, Woodbridge, Chelmsford, Springfield, Stoke Ash, and Ipswich (St. Clement's, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower). Four lady ringers came from Springfield, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower.

The ringing included Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was presided over by the Dean of Bocking.

At the subsequent meeting it was decided to write to the B.B.C. protesting against the treatment of ringing for broadcast services. It was suggested that the B.B.C. be asked to appoint a ringer to their staff, whom they could consult when broadcasting from churches where there are change ringers.

The secretary reported that it was hoped to get the reports in the printer's hands early next month.

Good use was made of the fine peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) until 7.30.

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BY F. E. DARBY.

The following composition was rung at Beddington on Saturday, and is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in these methods. It contains 3,360 changes of London (No. 3), and 560 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative (No. 2), the whole peal containing 5,040 changes.

M. W. H.	23456	Methods.
— — —	54632	L B L
— — —	35642	L S L
— — —	64352	L C L
— — —	36452	L S L
— — —	45362	L B L
— — —	34562	L C L
— — —	25463	L S L
— — —	46253	L B L
— — —	24653	L C L
— — —	65243	L B L
— — —	26543	L S L
— — —	52643	L C L
— — —	64523	L B L
— — —	56423	L S L
— — —	45623	L C L

The last nine courses three times repeated.

Bristol is only rung when terminated by a bob 'W.' Fourth's place bobs used throughout. Figures of Superlative (No. 2) have not yet been published.

SHROPSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

A well-known Shropshire ringer, who was formerly a member of the band at Farnham, Surrey, has passed away in the person of Mr. Frederick Alexander Barnett, of Wem. A native of Kent, Mr. Barnett was formerly head brewer of the Farnham United Breweries. His brother, the late Mr. G. A. Barnett, was captain of the Farnham band in the latter years of last century, and these two did much to lift the Farnham band out of the rut of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Fred Barnett went to Wem over 20 years ago to take up another appointment, and became leader of the Wem Parish Church ringers and a member of the Parochial Church Council, of which he was secretary for a considerable period. He was also for many years Rector's warden. He was a member of the Shropshire Association and formerly a member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

A SIXTEENTH CENTURY BELL FRAME.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the tower of St. George's Church, Saham Toney, Norfolk, may be seen a wonderful structure of oak beams of great size forming a cage or framework for hanging bells. This remarkable example of craftsmanship in wood was in all probability constructed to hold three heavy bells which are known to have been in existence in the time of Edward VI. (c. 1547). There is good reason to believe it was constructed at the end of the fifteenth century to contain these bells, for the stout and fine tower was built then. The cage has been altered from time to time to suit first five bells and later six. Through the centuries these have been rung to call the villagers to service and mark occasions of public rejoicings, victories, marriages, births and deaths.

The age of bell cages is still something of a mystery. There is reason to believe that others still remain which are as old, but precise evidence of this is not so good in any other case known to the writer. The cage is not now strong enough for its purpose and a new one is being made, and at the same time the parish is repairing the tower. Everyone knows that such works strain the resources of a country parish. The Rector is anxious to preserve the old cage in the tower, and those who have knowledge of bells and bellringing feel that this is very desirable.

In the circumstances the parish cannot raise money to do this. This society, therefore, appeals to your readers to send subscriptions to the Rector for this work. The cost is estimated at £50—a small sum when the importance of the 'cage' is considered. Contributions should be sent to the Rector, the Rev. M. H. Richmond, Saham Toney, Thetford, Norfolk, for this purpose, or to me.

A. R. POWYS,

Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.
20, Buckingham Street, Adelphi, W.C.2.

DEATH OF PERRY BARR RINGER.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles H. Cook, a ringer at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, and member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who passed away on January 9th.

For over 30 years he was most devoted to his duty as a service ringer, regular and punctual in attendance and greatly respected by his fellow-ringers.

His remains were cremated at Perry Barr on Monday, January 13th, and in the evening the bells of St. John's Church were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect by the local ringers and other members of the St. Martin's Guild.

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THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V.

MEETINGS POSTPONED.

A number of meetings arranged for Saturday have been postponed. Those of which intimation was received before going to press are as follows:—

Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Farnham.
Sussex County Association, at Withyham.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, at Godshill, Isle of Wight.
Essex Association, at Coggeshall.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Warmley.
Chester Diocesan Guild, at Chester.
Ely Diocesan Association, at Stapleford.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild, at Woodston.

Other meetings may be postponed too late for notification in these columns, and ringers who propose to attend any meeting on Saturday should first ascertain if it is to be held.

THE MUFFLING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This week's sad event affords a supreme instance of the practical value of the Central Council's recommendation adopted at Liverpool and made known through your columns to the Exercise.

Naturally all ringing at meetings held on Saturday will be done with muffled bells.

It may also be suggested that, where a tower is without muffles, a set be obtained—or even extemporised—in time for His Late Majesty's funeral.

F. L. L. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were many visitors in Bristol for the B.U.R.G. dinner last Saturday, and, as usual, most of them made their headquarters at the Grosvenor Hotel. As, this year, no reports have reached us of furniture removals, we imagine they spent a quiet night—after they got to bed.

The London County Association is promoting a series of elementary twelve-bell ringing practices. The first took place at Bow, and the next is scheduled for Cripplegate. The sole object is to encourage twelve-bell ringing among those who at present have little or no opportunity for practice on this number, and the scheme deserves every support.

At the age of 73 years Mr. F. C. Cooke has just rung his first peal with a bob bell. In 1902 and, next, in 1934 he rang the treble to peals of Grandsire Triples. Now he has scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell at Crayford.

The men of 1,000 peals hope to meet for a peal in the City of London in February, perhaps on the 15th. The 'Bills' hope to ring a peal at Ealing on February 22nd if all goes well, and the bachelors will make an attempt, somewhere in Middlesex, on Leap Year's Day, February 29th, when, we are informed, dear Kate will be asked to act as umpire.

The peal of Suffolk Surprise Major recorded in our last issue was rung at Helmingham, not Framsdon as stated.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have received the order to rehang the ring of five bells of Longparish Church, Hants. The peal is to be tuned and rehung with new fittings in new frame and a new treble added to complete the peal of six.

The bells of the Wigan Parish Church will be heard over the air on Sunday, February 9th, from 5.45 to 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH WELCOMED BY NEW RECTOR.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday week. Members were present from Wigan, Rainford, Aughton, Southport, Bootle, Woolton (St. Luke's), Bredbury, Rock Ferry, Liscard, Wallasey, Birkenhead, Birmingham and Childwall, in addition to the local company. The service was conducted by the new Rector (the Rev. David Railton), who also gave an excellent address. The church organist, Mr. C. W. Bridson, accompanied with the organ the singing of the hymns.

Tea was provided in the Church Institute, after which the meeting was presided over by the Rector, who extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers and gave some interesting accounts of his experiences in former parishes.

A little formal business was transacted, at the close of which a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Clements and members of her family in the loss they have sustained in the passing of the late Rev. C. A. Clements.

The late Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild was well known in Liverpool and Lancashire and held in the highest esteem. The members stood in silence for a short time to mark their respect.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Rector, the organist and ladies who had assisted with the tea arrangements.

The next meeting is to be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 8th.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

ANOTHER GREAT EVENING.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held at the Cadena Cafe on Saturday. The proceedings commenced with ringing at Bristol's famous leaning tower (Temple Church). These bells have recently been rehung. They are a musical eight of about one ton tenor. There has always been some difficulty in ringing at this tower owing to the fact that it leans 7ft. out of upright, and it seems that, even now, the third and fourth bells require further adjustment or careful handling. The writer was pleased to note that the church authorities have had linoleum laid down and the ringing chamber cleaned up for the visitors. At 3 p.m. a motor-coach conveyed 33 of the visitors through the city and over the downs to a very charming spot, Henbury, and here the eight bells were soon set going. The visitors were invited to tea with the Vicar of Henbury, after which they were escorted back to the city by the Henbury captain, Mr. J. Gould.

Those not taking part in the tour found the beautiful ten bells of St. Nicholas' Church available from 3 p.m., and at 4 p.m. the twelve at St. Mary Redcliffe were ready, under the direction of Mr. H. Pring. St. Peter's bells (8) were also open, and over 30 ringers made use of this tower. St. Stephen's (10) were rung from 5 to 5.45 p.m., this being used as an overflow tower. Many visitors took full advantage of 'tea and bun' at St. Thomas' during the afternoon. At 6 p.m. all ringing had ceased, and the party, numbering close on 200, met at the Cadena Cafe.

The chairman (Mr. H. Knight, of Wrington) was supported by the Bishop of Malmesbury, the Rev. M. Paterson, the Rev. E. Beddoe, the Rev. Ensor Davies, Mr.

A. A. Hughes (College Youths), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. A. Walker (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. S. Romans (Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Romans, Mr. Caple, Mr. Romaine (Salisbury Guild), Mr. E. Stith (Swansea and Brecon Guild), Mr. S. Palmer and Mr. A. P. Knights (Sheffield) and many other visitors from Derby, Coventry, Erdington, King's Norton, Birmingham, London, Wells, Bath, Swindon, Chippenham, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Weston-super-Mare, Churchill and Kingston Seymour. Mr. John Austin was vice-chairman and Mr. Donald Marsh pro. vice-chairman. Mr. Edgar Guise again discharged the secretarial duties with his customary efficiency, and the



THE CHAIRMAN, MR. H. KNIGHT.

stewards who rendered excellent services were Messrs. W. Knight, W. H. Thomas, F. G. Leaker, J. Gould, H. Way, J. Jeffries and S. Riches, whilst the ladies were 'stewarded' by Mrs. F. Leaker and Miss Scofield.

After an excellent dinner, the Chairman, in giving the toast to 'His Majesty,' expressed regret that the nation had cause for anxiety concerning his health.

The National Anthem was sung. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, Mr. Dennis, of London, and Mr. W. Stafford (a founder member of the B.U.R.G.).

RINGERS' DEBT TO CHURCH.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He said they all greatly appreciated having the Lord Bishop of Malmesbury amongst them. They gave him a very hearty welcome and sincerely hoped that he would take away with him happy recollections of a pleasant evening spent among a society whose members are all doing their little bit in the interests of the Church, of which he was so distinguished a member. The Church, continued the Chairman, was the greatest institution in the world. Had it ever struck them what this country, and, indeed, the world, would be without our churches? They, as ringers, knew that they had something in addition to what others have to thank the Church for, as without their beautiful towers and peals they would be unable to exercise the noble art in which they were so deeply interested and from which they got so much pleasure and enjoyment, an art which they hoped gave pleasure to those who listened to their efforts.

The Chairman referred to the great support and co-operation which they as a body received from the clergy. It was a great satisfaction to know that they had this assistance, without which their efforts would be well nigh impossible. It had been his pleasure, and no doubt that of many others present, to instruct clergy in the art, and it could not be too widely known how pleased they were to see them in the tower (applause). Indeed, if they wanted more ringing, one of the best ways was to get the clergy to be ringers themselves. They had so many beautiful churches with splendid peals of bells in that part of the country that it was up to them to see that there was plenty of ringing, and not only ringing, but good ringing, and for his part he should always do his best to help to attain this end. The Chairman concluded that he appreciated the honour conferred upon him by the Guild in appointing him its chairman, and said he would do his very best in its interests, and for the success of ringers and ringing in general.

HELPING IN SUPREME TASK.

The Bishop of Malmesbury, who was cordially received, remarked that he was shortly going to a church near Swindon, where it would be difficult to get a band of ringers, as he had been told that young people would not interest themselves. That was, he felt, very contradictory to what he saw before him, for among that gathering were many young faces. It was always a great pleasure to him to see and be with ringers, and they should be proud of their noble calling and their wonderful art of ringing.

The Bishop added they were doing something worth doing in a deeper sense, for the sound of bells was associated with the thought of higher things. The bells were a call on sad and joyful occasions, and sent out a great challenge to the world to think of God. Ringers were doing something to help in the supreme task of every Christian, that of spreading the Gospel of Christ.

The toast to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), who paid great tribute to its early prominent members—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Phillott and Mr. F. E. Ward. He, the speaker, was indebted to the Gloucester and Bristol Association members for his first successes in peal ringing, and doubtless many more in the room that evening were similarly placed. He wished the association continued prosperity.

Mr. S. Romans, Master, responding, said that this year was his jubilee year as a peal ringer for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. It was 50 years ago when he rang his first peal in Gloucester. During the past year about 100 meetings had been held by the various branches, and it had been his privilege to get to some of them. There was every indication of the continued prosperity that Mr. Jones had so kindly wished them.

Mr. John Austin, in a toast to 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' remarked upon the popularity of the Bristol dinner. He was impressed by the fact that ringers and their wives should travel so many miles year after year to visit Bristol for that gathering. It was the aim of the Guilds to give every welcome to their visitors. He mentioned the many associations represented in the gathering.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, responding, addressed the ringers as 'Your Excellencies.' He said he was quite justified in addressing them thus, as he knew most of them were excellent ringers. On behalf of the visitors he expressed thanks to the B.U.R.G. for all the arrangements made for the afternoon and evening. Mr. Hughes paid tribute to 'The Ringers' Directory,' and said how grateful the Exercise must be to the organisers for this excellent and handy book. The B.U.R.G. were to be congratulated upon its many improvements in size and quality of paper, etc. He could hardly conceive how it could be produced for a shilling. No ringer, he said, should be without a copy.

Mr. A. Walker, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' urged all members to take a weekly copy. It was obvious that the only way to get perfection in everything was to give it reasonable support.—The Chairman expressed regret that the Editor was unable to be with the company that evening. Earlier in the week Mr. Goldsmith had written to say Mrs. Goldsmith was ill and that it might be impossible for him to attend.

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. Donald Marsh, pro. vice-chairman, proposed 'The Artistes,' and said how very grateful they were to those who had contributed to the successful evening.—Mr. G. Cooper (one of the artistes) replied. He was sure that his fellow-artistes, like himself, had enjoyed the evening as much as the rest of the company had.

The artistes contributing to the programme were Miss Ella Meadowcroft (songs and Lancashire dialect story), Miss Ann Kelly (elocutionist), Mr. E. Vaughan Coleman (mystery) and Mr. George Cooper (entertainer). Two surprise items were piano-accompaniment solos and a burlesque song upon Bristol ringers by Mr. A. Richards (St. Peter's Guild). Incidental music was supplied by Messrs. B. Guise (piano), R. Wiltshire (violin), I. Athersuch ('cello) and R. Amos (bass). The accompanist was Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M. It was with regret that the St. Thomas' handbell ringers, so popular at these annual dinners, had to withdraw at the last moment owing to the serious illness of one of their members. In order that the evening should not be without some tune ringing, however, Mr. J. Thomas, of London, and Mr. E. Guise met at 5 p.m. and learned a couple of tunes which they rendered later in the evening. A course of Stedman Cluques was rung by visitors from Birmingham, Sheffield and London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE. Membership Reaches Record.

Special interest attached to the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on Saturday week, when the silver jubilee of the branch was celebrated. During the quarter of a century of its existence the branch has been one of the most active areas in the Guild, and its growth is proof of the sustained energy with which the officials have conducted its affairs. Throughout the whole period Mr. C. H. Jennings has filled with enthusiasm the post of hon. secretary, and it is in no small measure due to his efforts that the work of the branch has been so successfully carried on.

The meeting in celebration of the silver jubilee was held in Dorchester, and no fewer than 22 towers were represented in the large gathering. The proceedings began with ringing at St. Peter's and St. George's churches, and a thanksgiving service was held at St. Peter's. The inspiring Guild office was used, the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby) and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) officiated.

In his address, the Rector extended a warm welcome to the members on that auspicious occasion. It spoke well for them all, he said, especially the older members, because by their zeal and loyalty they had kept together the different bands of ringers connected with the various parishes. They had also been an inspiration to the younger generation to become ringers. They were thankful to God not only for the silver jubilee, but for the spirit of perseverance, continuity and brotherhood which had been shown.

The Rector based his address on the text, 'Finally whatsoever things are true.' It applied specially, he said, to their work as bellringers. When they were in the belfry they must ring true; they must ring to time and regularly, make their bell as it were consistent, and pull their weight. In the same way, as citizens of this country, everyone was expected to ring true. Then if they were going to ring true they must speak what was true. There was no one present that afternoon who did not know that it was difficult at all times and in all places to speak that which was true; but as men and women of God they were expected by Him to speak what was true. Then another thought was they had to act what was true; to act a lie was greater than speaking a lie.

After the service the members and friends partook of a high tea in the Parish Institute, admirably served by lady workers of St. Peter's Church. The room presented a cheery scene with its Christmas decorations. The large gathering was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and the company included Mr. R. N. Dawes (former chairman of the branch), the Revs. A. W. Markby, P. L. Edwards (Kington Magna, general secretary of the Diocesan Guild), D. F. Slembeck (Charmminster), A. S. Bryant (Upwey), C. A. Phillips (Wimborne), A. F. Godley (Stratton) and R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (former Master of the Guild) and Mr. C. H. Jennings (branch secretary).

APPROPRIATELY DESIGNED BIRTHDAY CAKE.

A striking 'centrepiece' at the head table was a huge birthday cake, the gift of two honorary members, Commander and Mrs. Henderson. It was a fine specimen of the confectioner's art, and bore the inscription, 'Dorchester branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, 1911-1936. Greetings.' It was cleverly and appropriately designed, the ornamentation including church towers, bells, with wheels and ropes, the latter having sallies and tucked rope ends.

With due ceremonial the cake was cut by the chairman, and the toast of the donors was drunk with enthusiasm.

At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. C. H. Jennings presented a report, in which he said the past year had been one of exceptional progress. The membership showed a further increase and now stood at the record figure of 170. It was hoped that another bell—or possibly two—might be added to the existing peal of four at Preston as soon as funds would permit. Change ringing was progressing very steadily, although some towers were handicapped owing to members leaving the district. He appealed to those towers affected to fill the gaps as soon as possible. The great feature of the year as far as their own branch was concerned had been the eight peals of Doubles, seven conducted by Mr. P. Field (Buckland Newton) and one by Mr. D. Bishop (Evershot). The hon. secretary extended a warm welcome to Dorset to the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Vicar of East Lulworth), who was well known as a change ringer. They as a branch looked forward to his assistance.

'We regret to record the passing of our beloved Bishop, the patron of our Guild,' the report added. 'He took more than a passing interest in all our work. We are proud to pay tribute to the memory of one who had a wonderful knowledge of present-day problems.' As a token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Doubles had been rung at Buckland Newton, while every tower in the branch had rung half-muffled louches. The report also placed on record with regret the death of the Rev. P. W. Taylor (Bere Regis). The secretary acknowledged the help that he had received from Mr. J. W. Smith.

The Chairman congratulated the branch on celebrating its silver jubilee, and when he inquired how many members were present who joined when the branch was first formed, four stood up.

Mr. Dawes, who was the first chairman and held office for 21 years, also extended his congratulations, and said it was pleasing to know

that from a small beginning the membership now stood at the record of 170. Particularly was he glad that younger members were coming on, for it showed keenness in the splendid work of advertising the church. No one in a parish or village could hear the bells ringing without knowing that there was a service and that they ought to attend it. As vice-chairman and vice-president of the Salisbury Guild, he thanked the ringers for the work they were doing for the Church.

REVIEW OF 25 YEARS' PROGRESS.

Mr. Jennings gave an interesting review of the 25 years' existence of the branch. He recalled that the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was founded in 1882 and that its second president, the late Capt. J. E. Acland, was a Dorchester citizen. By 1897 the membership had increased to 308 and the Guild was sub-divided into four branches, two for Dorset and two for Wiltshire. The Dorchester (West Dorset) branch extended from Lyme Regis and Chardstock in the West to beyond Sherborne and Stalbridge in the North, and including part of the deanery of Purbeck. By 1909, however, only 11 towers were affiliated to the branch—Dorchester, Puddletown, Bradpole, Beaminster, Bridport, Leigh, Maiden Newton, Sherborne, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. The same year the new peal at Milton Abbey was dedicated, and at the Guild festival held in honour of this event intimation was received that the West Dorset branch would be divided into three—Dorchester, Bridport and Sherborne to be the respective centres. In 1911 the new Dorchester branch, comprising the towers at Dorchester St. Peter's, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Wool, Wyke Regis and Leigh, was formed. The membership was then 47. Mr. R. N. Dawes was appointed the first chairman (a position he held for 21 years), with Mr. G. T. White as Ringing Master and Mr. C. H. Jennings as hon. secretary and treasurer. By 1912 the branch had become firmly established; membership increased to 79 and the tower of Fordington St. George was added, while a new peal at Upwey was opened. Charmminster, Hilton and Milton Abbey towers were added, and after three years the position was stronger than even the most optimistic had anticipated. Then came the war years. Some 500 Guild members saw war service, and ringing was considerably curtailed. The war over, the branch went ahead once more, and in 1920 had the privilege of reopening a fine peal at Bere Regis. In the following year Frampton joined the branch, which then comprised 12 towers and 119 members. Two towers—Hilton and Milton Abbey—dropped out and membership fell below the 90 mark, until the affiliation of Abbotsbury and Bradford Peverell gave it the required impetus. The branch made steady progress until its coming of age in 1932. To-day, in contrast to their early years when there were six towers with 47 members, they had 15 towers with 170 members.

Various speakers paid tribute to the splendid work done by Mr. C. H. Jennings, the general hon. secretary of the Guild speaking in high terms of the successful labours of the branch secretary.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £37 18s. 7½d. and expenditure of £20 10s., leaving a balance of £17 8s. 7½d., as compared with £15 4s. 2½d. for the previous year.

Mrs. A. L. Mill (Buckland Newton) was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members were enrolled, namely, the Rev. R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), Mr. Douglas French (Wool) and Mr. F. W. Gill (Abbotsbury).

The officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. P. Field (Buckland Newton); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Smart (Upwey); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers.

ROMSEY RINGER'S DEATH.

LAST OF FORMER BAND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Tom Cole, who had been a ringer at Romsey Abbey, Hants, for over 40 years.

Mr. Cole had been in poor health for several years, but the end came suddenly. He had decided to attend the annual district meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Southampton on Saturday, January 11th. His daughter went into the garden to call him to get ready and found him dead.

The funeral took place on January 14th, when the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. G. Williams, A. Smith and G. Pullinger. Several members of the Romsey band were also present.

Mr. Cole had rung several peals for the old Winchester Guild and was well known and respected by a large number of Hampshire ringers. He was the last of the very efficient band that flourished at Romsey about 30 years ago.

This is the second member the Romsey band have recently lost. Mr. F. Raskins, for many years foreman of the tower, passed away about two months ago.

WRAXALL RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Monday, January 6th, after a short illness, the death took place of Prebendary Joseph William Firth, B.A., in his 72nd year. As a last token of respect and sympathy, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung following the committal service by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, on Saturday, January 11th: Miss D. Waterman (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gould 2, J. Bishop 3, S. Butchers 4, L. Derrick 5, E. Shearn 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, E. Davey 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A START WITH CHANGE RINGING.

Those who want to make a start in change ringing, which, as we pointed out last week, should not be attempted until complete mastery of the bell has been obtained, will probably be put first to hunt the treble in some plain method—perhaps Grandsire Doubles. If, last week, you worked out and examined the figures as we suggested, you will have noticed how regularly the treble moved up and down among the other bells. It went just one place at a time, from lead until it got behind all the rest; and then back again one place at a time, until it led once more. And throughout the sixty changes it did not deviate from this straight path.

That is what is called 'plain hunting,' and in the Grandsire method, whatever the number of bells, that is the path which the treble pursues. If you will look at those 60 changes again, you will notice that none of the other bells follow exactly a similar course, and in Grandsire, if the extent of 120 changes is rung, all the other bells have to follow a path in which there are deviations from this straight up and down track followed by the treble.

But because the treble has a simpler path, it does not mean that the treble is a less important bell than the others. Indeed, it may be said to be the most important of all the bells, for upon it the others base their work, and if the treble goes wrong it is much more likely to put the rest out than if one of the others makes a mistake.

The principle involved in hunting the treble is the basis of all the complicated as well as the simple work which is to be found in method ringing. It is the foundation upon which bells move from place to place among the rest. As we pointed out last week, no bell moves more than one place up or down at a time. It may remain for two blows (or a whole pull) in one position, but when it moves it is always into the adjoining place.

Thus, in plain hunting with the treble, when you start you can move only into 2nd's place; that is, only one other bell can pull in front of you. That bell must be the one that was previously pulling immediately after you, the reason being that he, too, can only move a place at a time, and, as he is hunting down, he must change places with the one in front of him. In fact, as far as the treble is concerned, that is what happens every time, while he is hunting up. At the next stroke he will strike after the bell now pulling after him, so that if while he is making one stroke he looks for the bell that is pulling after him, he will know exactly who to follow at the next pull. Again, when he strikes in 2nd's place he will have only one bell in front of him, when in 3rd's place there will be two bells, in 4th's three bells, in 5th's four bells. He will, in fact, then be behind them all.

In hunting down he will follow the reverse process, namely, pull next time in front of the one now in front of him. But that is not so easy, and the best thing to do at first may be to count the bells in front. When hunting up you continue to increase the number of the bells in front of you until, in Doubles, all four pull before you do. When you hunt down you begin by having all four in front of you, then you omit the one you are striking over and pull after the other three. Again, omit the two you have struck over, and pull after the other two. Once more, omit the three you have struck over, leaving only one for your attention, and then, having struck over him, lead with your own bell.

In order to do it accurately, you must have perfect command of your bell, and you will find that when hunting up you must hold your bell up a little, and when hunting down, pull it in a little, because in hunting up, the interval between your places is longer, and when hunting down it is shorter. Moreover, if you are ringing on a heavy peal of bells you will find you will have to allow just a little more time, that is you will have to hold your bell off a fraction of a second longer when pulling after the bigger bells. It is these little allowances which make all the difference between good and bad striking, and you cannot do it if you do not control your bell.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 1, A. A. Hughes 2, R. Allen 3, E. Murrell 4, S. Stonard 5, W. Seabrook 6, F. Shorter (conductor) 7, E. Owen 8.

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ANOTHER SPLICING RECORD.

FORTY-SIX METHODS IN SEVEN 720's.

The Chester Guild band, who have been doing some wonderful things in six-bell method splicing, have added yet another to their laurels, by extending the number of Minor methods rung in a peal to 46. Last February they crowned their previous achievements by a peal in 42 methods; last Saturday their peal in 46 methods included a 720 with no fewer than 13 Treble Bob and Third's-place Delight methods.

This 720 is given below. It was substituted for the first 720 in the earlier peal and followed by the other six 720's (published in 'The Ringing World' on March 22nd, 1935), except that the three-lead splices were omitted from the second, third and fourth 720's. This new 720 was composed by Mr. Kenneth Lewis, from tables supplied by Mr. A. G. Driver.

The thirteen methods consisted of Treble Bob and Third's-place Delight methods, viz.: Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.

- 23456 Capel Treble Bob, No. 26.
- 56342 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 35642 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 63542 Sandal Treble Bob, No. 2.
- 42556 Sandal Treble Bob.
- 56234 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 25463 Carisbrooke Delight, No. 1.
- 34625 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 63425 Ockley Treble Bob, No. 25.
- 54263 Donottar Delight, No. 2.
- 25346 Sandal Treble Bob, No. 2.
- 46325 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 34562 Wath Delight, No. 11.
- 25634 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 62453 London Scholars' Pleasure, No. 7.
- 53246 London Scholars' Pleasure.
- 46253 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 24653 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 62345 Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, No. 3.
- 55462 Pontefract Delight, No. 12.
- 45236 Kingston Treble Bob, No. 18.
- 36245 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 23645 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 62534 College Exercise Treble Bob, No. 8.
- 45362 Donottar Delight, No. 2.
- 34256 Kingston Treble Bob, No. 18.
- 56423 Oxford Treble Bob, No. 1.
- 45623 Oxford Treble Bob.
- 64523 Norbury Treble Bob, No. 19.
- 35264 Pontefract Delight, No. 12.

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The other 720's were those rung in the 42-method peal, except that the three-lead splices were omitted from 720's 2, 3 and 4. There were 78 changes of method.

The band had not struck a blow in any of the Delight methods used in the first 720, nor practiced it, it being rung at the first attempt.

In connection with this interesting performance, it is worthy of mention that the conductor, Mr. John Worth, had just previously rung his 150th peal, and of this total he had conducted exactly 100. His performances make up a remarkable record. He rang his first peal on June 3rd, 1929, a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which he conducted at the age of 19, after having been a stoney ringer for seven years.

His list of peals is as follows: Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Royal 2 (1), Bob Royal 1 (1), Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 1 (1), London Surprise Major 6 (5), Bristol Surprise Major 7 (6), Superlative Surprise Major 3 (2), Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (13), Manchester Surprise Major 1 (1), Staffordshire Surprise Major 1 (1), Yorkshire Surprise Major 1 (1), Norfolk Surprise Major 1 (1), Spliced Cambridge and Rutland 1 (1), Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative 1 (1), Carisbrooke Treble Bob 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob Major 8 (3), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich Major 6 (2), Bob Major 8 (6), Stedman Triples 2 (1), Grandsire Triples 10 (8), Cambridge Surprise Minor 1 (1), Minor in 42 methods 1 (1), in 40 methods 1 (1), in 39 methods 1 (1), in 38 methods 1, in 36 methods 1 (1), in 35 methods 1, in 30 methods 2 (1), in 26 methods 2 (2), in 25 methods 1, in 21 methods 3 (2), in 18 methods 1 (1), in 15 methods 1 (1), in 14 methods 2 (1), in 7 methods 8 (4), in 5 methods 2, in 4 methods 4 (2), in 3 methods 11 (8), in 2 methods 1 (1), in 1 method 12 (9), Grandsire Doubles 4 (3, including one on handbells), total 150 (conducted 100).

COMING-OF-AGE COMPLIMENT.

At Bangor, Caernarvonshire, on Saturday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Peglar, jun. 1, Miss D. Brown 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, A. E. Peglar, sen. (conductor) 4, R. Fairlie, jun. 5, S. Brown 6, T. Jones 7, J. H. Turnhill 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

WHITSUNTIDE OPENING DESIRED.

Those responsible for organising the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye are very anxious that the memorial shall be opened at Whitsun, when the Central Council meet in London. If this is to be done, the order will have to be placed almost immediately, and donations to the fund should, therefore, be sent at once. From the list of subscriptions given below it will be seen that the fund is steadily mounting, but £250 was asked for, and the balance must be forthcoming quickly if a Whitsuntide dedication is to be made possible.

FIFTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	126	19	0
The Dunmow Parish Church Ringers		10	0
The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore		5	0
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Mr. D. Cooper		5	0
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St. Matthew's, Walsall, Ringers	13	6	0
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St. Thomas', Brentwood, Ringers	10	0	0
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SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Ringers	4	6	0
Mr. F. Willford		2	6
St. John's, Stanmore, Ringers	15	0	0
Total	£145	15	6

The above sums are gratefully acknowledged by the undersigned, who will be glad to receive further donations to the fund.

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A WELCOME.

As a welcome to the new Rector of Halewood, Liverpool (Rev. W. L. M. Prothero), the local ringers on Monday, December 16th, rang 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Robinson 1, J. Robinson 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, J. Dunbavin 4, D. Robinson 5, J. W. Gardner 6, J. Barker covering. It was the first 720 of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor, and first by a Halewood band.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS—Continued from page 57.

As all things do—they end—and so 'Auld Lang Syne' closed a memorable evening. On every hand praises were given for the best dinner and the best programme of entertainment in the series. With reference to the latter, it may be said that the way in which friends help is really wonderful—the organisers this year had never met any of the artistes previously (with one exception).

Sunday morning brought the usual free and easy gathering, and then the long trails home began.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

NEW MEMBER, AGED 10, RINGS GRANDSIRE CATERS.

In spite of travelling difficulties, the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Warwick on Saturday, was very well attended. The attendance seems all the more creditable when it is pointed out that nearly half of those present live 15 or more miles away.

Ringling on the ten bells of St. Mary's Church was followed by a short service in the chancel. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Henwood (Vicar), who also gave an interesting address.

Tea at the Porridge Pot was followed by a short business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. J. H. White (Ringing Master), Mr. M. Melville (hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. Adams and members from Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Bedworth, Stoke and Stratford-on-Avon, together with the local band.

It was decided to hold the monthly meetings at Shilton in February and at Tamworth in March, the latter to be a joint gathering with the Staffordshire Association.

The following new members were elected: Master W. H. Male, of Warwick (aged 10), George Knight, of Bedworth, H. Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, Walter Beebe, of Nuneaton, D. W. Hopkins, of Warwick, and J. L. Garner-Hayward. The election of K. A. Roe, of Wigston, Leicestershire, prior to a peal was also ratified.

Mr. A. J. Hinde, jun., gave notice that a Confirmation will be held at Bulkington on February 14th, at 8 p.m., and invited members to come and ring before and after the service, as their own ringers would be engaged in other capacities at the service.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, and for kindly taking the chair at the meeting, and also the organist.—This was proposed by the Ringing Master and replied to by the organist and the Vicar.

A return was then made to the belfry, where further ringing took place, and Master Billy Male, of Warwick, celebrated his election at the age of ten as a member of the Guild by very creditably hunting the treble to a course of Grandsire Caters. There certainly appears to be the making of an excellent ringer in Billy; but this is as it should be, since both his father and grandfather are ringers at Warwick.

LITTLE HORKESLEY RINGERS' PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My best regards to the band at Little Horkesley. Their first peal comes from the heart of a call-change district and is a great performance. I have rung with them many times and hope that this first peal will be the first of many. Good luck, Little Horkesley!

A. F. WARREN.

Finchley.

HIGHER METHOD PRACTICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I agree in the main to the points you raise in your leading article on this subject, there is one point upon which I think many ringers will disagree with you, and that is your statement that it is far more in the interest of ringing to devote the bulk of the time available at district meetings to elementary work. My personal opinion is that it is just as unreasonable for the beginner to expect to have a monopoly of the available time as it is for experienced ringers to desire to practice higher methods all the time. District meetings are surely intended to cater for all comers, and if your suggestion to cater mainly for beginners were carried out there might be a tendency for the more advanced ringers to absent themselves from the meetings owing to their interests not being sufficiently recognised. As one who has attended meetings in many parts of the country, may I say that the impression I have formed is that the ringing arrangements might be better organised than they are in many cases, and that a properly authorised and capable officer should be in charge of the belfry, his duties being to see that everyone who attends has a fair chance.

When I was present at a meeting of the Sheffield District Society last year I heard the arguments for and against the appointment of a ringing master to take charge of the ringing at their meetings. The appointment was made and inquiries have shown that the results are highly satisfactory. Would it be too much to expect that ringing masters of other societies should carry out what are their obvious duties? By all means let us have additional meetings for advanced methods, but do not let us lose our sense of proportion. Important though the learner may be in the interest of the continuance of our art, he is not entitled to a monopoly of the belfry at meetings, and there is still something due to those enthusiasts who have by their sacrifices made such meetings even possible. Some ringers still hold the view that it is much better for a learner to try out his first touch in a new method with good experienced ringers rather than six or eight learners should all struggle together and succeed only in obtaining practice at 'firing.'

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Bath.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual meeting at Farnham has been postponed to February 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The meeting at Withyham on Saturday has been postponed.—O. Sippetts, Div. Hon. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—I.O.W. District.—Owing to the death of His Majesty King George V., the annual meeting of the above district is postponed until further notice.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The meeting at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th, has been postponed.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch at Woodston has been postponed.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The meeting at Warmley has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 29th inst.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec. (pro tem.), 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Jan. 25th, has been cancelled.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at the Cathedral has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service, for those whose names are received not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 30th (8 p.m.).—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield district of the M.C.A. will be held at Eckington on Jan. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Election of officers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bright Street, North Wingfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilborough (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Balance sheet and report for 1935 will be presented and officers elected. A good attendance requested. — Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Names to G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at REDBOURNE on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Corston to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 25th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due (also arrears) and can be paid at this meeting. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) has kindly offered to show his films on the Great Adventure, providing a good number is present. So do your best.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Bow, on Sunday, Jan. 26th, as usual. Special meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 7.45 p.m. Speciality, rounds on 12, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques. Everyone welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec.

MODBURY, SOUTH DEVON. — On Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of 6 bells, rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Graveley. Bells available 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will be well catered for, from 'Rounds' upwards. Tea has been kindly offered by Mr. Gardner, Graveleybury, Hitchin, to those who notify him by *Thursday previous*. — Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Bradley (6 bells), on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting to follow.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Brighton Road. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th. — W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Penshurst, on Feb. 1st, for the first meeting of the year, of the Tonbridge district. If you don't come, we shall be one short. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells three mins. past hour. Please help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Notify me for tea by Jan. 28th. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, with meeting to follow. Ringing: Twickenham (8) 3.30 to 4.45 and after meeting. St. Mary's, Hampton (8), 3.15 to 4.15. Don't forget the p.c. re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woodbury on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Clyst St. George (6 bells). Service will be held at 4 p.m., address by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Neely). Tea in the Public Hall, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 27th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Whickham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, before Jan. 30th?—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions now due. All welcome. — F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna. Bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Committee meet 3.30. Short service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. 3d. per head) must be sent to K. Roe, 125, Moat Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester, not later than Jan. 29th. *No names no tea*. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, frequently, and L.M.S. trains to Wigston South. South Wigston bells *not* available for this meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) will be ready 3 p.m. A service will be held. Tea, 9d. per head, at the National School, Hullgate. *For tea, please notify A. Shaw, 35, Frog Lane, Wigan, before Wednesday, Jan. 29th.* Come and have a pull on the new peal. All ringers welcome. — Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.— The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 28th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea at 5 p.m. at about 1s. per head, for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th. The larger the party the less the cost! So please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. H. Billings, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Jan. 29th. — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, Feb. 1st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed; I hope we may see many. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Rector's Room. Please come. This should be a good meeting. All ringers and other friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Colwall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at St. Crispin's Chapel 4.45 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 30th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend the commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th at Trinity kindly inform the secretary by Jan. 28th at the latest, and he will then send further particulars.—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), 42, Maid's Causeway, Cambridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.— Annual meeting will be held on Feb. 8th at Sleaford. Bells of Parish Church open from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided at 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Feb. 5th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Feb. 8th. Holy Trinity bells from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., S. Nicolas' from 3.30. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Ayres' Café (next S. Nicolas') at 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) (times next week). — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, March 21st. Details in due course. Please book the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Arthur Tomlinson is 2, St. Stephen's Road, Little Harwood, Blackburn; not the address given in last week's issue.

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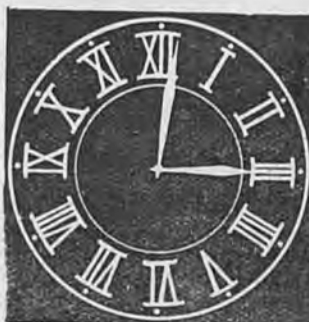
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